

Amendment No. 1 to SB1777

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1777*

House Bill No. 2698

by deleting the effective date section and substituting the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity which is completed under § 68-3-203(g), § 68-3-302, or § 68-3-305(b) by an unwed father or under similar provisions of another state or government constitutes a legal finding of paternity on the individual named as the father of the child in the acknowledgment only if genetic or DNA test results show a statistical probability of paternity of that individual at ninety-five percent (95%) or greater, and a copy of the genetic or DNA test results is filed with the office of vital records within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date the acknowledgment was signed. The individual named as the father of the child in the acknowledgment is responsible for the costs of the genetic or DNA testing. Unless rescinded pursuant to subsection (c), a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity supported by genetic or DNA test results showing a statistical probability of paternity of that individual at ninety-five percent (95%) or greater and filed with the office of vital records in accordance with this subsection is conclusive of that father's paternity without further order of the court.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(c)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language "sixty (60) days" and substituting the language "one hundred eighty (180) days".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(c)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the language "sixty-day" and substituting the language "one-hundred-eighty-day".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(h)(2), is amended by deleting the language "sixty-day" and substituting the language "one-hundred-eighty-day", and by deleting the language "sixtieth day" and substituting the language "one hundred eightieth day".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "within five (5) years of the execution of the acknowledgment", and by deleting the language "Such action shall not be barred by the five-year statute of limitations where fraud in the procurement of the acknowledgment by the mother of the child is alleged and where the requested relief will not affect the interests of the child, the state, or any Title IV-D agency.".

SECTION 7. Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to voluntary acknowledgments of paternity executed on or after that date. All other sections of this act take effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.